

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

LOCAL FOODS SIGNATURE PROGRAM

Purpose

Ohio State University Extension's Local Foods Signature Program addresses the critical need for outreach education around the broad topic of local food systems. The subject affects every Ohioan; public interest is high; research needs are great. The Local Foods Signature Program was designed to strategically address this need by building food literacy and skills around four themes: Food Production, Food and Family, Food and Business, and Food and Community.

Impact

Food Production education for new and existing producers in growing food in both urban and rural areas to meet ever-increasing demand and fill gaps in food security.

Food and Family education centered on nutrition, food safety, food preservation, food budgeting, wellness, and developing healthy lifestyle choices.

Food and Business education tied to food processing, distribution, job creation and economic sustainability.

Food and Community education connecting local food to community gardens, farmers markets, food banks and schools.

OHIO STATE COLLEGES/UNITS INVOLVED

COLLEGE OF FOOD, AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

- OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION
- DEPARTMENT OF FOOD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- OHIO AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER

COLLEGE OF FOOD, AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES AND COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

- DEPARTMENT OF FOOD, BIOLOGICAL AND AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN ECOLOGY

- DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SCIENCES

OHIO AGRABILITY PROGRAM

JOHN GLENN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

KNOWLTON SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

COMMUNITY PARTNERS INVOLVED

OSU EXTENSION IS UNIQUELY POSITIONED WITH AN OFFICE AND PROFESSIONALS IN EACH OF OHIO'S 88 COUNTIES.

AMERICORPS/VISTA

APPALACHIAN CENTER FOR ECONOMIC NETWORKS (ACENET)

GODMAN GUILD ASSOCIATION

INNOVATIVE FARMERS OF OHIO

LOCAL MATTERS

MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING

COMMISSION

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

OHIO ECOLOGICAL FOOD AND FARMING ASSOCIATION

OHIO FARM BUREAU

OHIO FARM MARKET MANAGEMENT

NETWORK

OHIO MARKET MAKER

RURAL ACTION COUNCIL OF OHIO

SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE RESEARCH

AND EDUCATION PROGRAM



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